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TESTIMONY – SENATE BILL 767

***CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF – DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND
CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING***

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

MARCH 26, 2025

Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and Appropriations Committee Members:

As amended, Senate Bill 767 is a straightforward piece of legislation that simply provides a very basic means for Calvert County Sheriffs and Correctional Deputies to collectively bargain with the County Sheriff and Calvert County Commissioners in regard to wages and health care coverage.

The legislation would apply to only full-time deputy sheriffs and correctional deputies in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office at the rank of Major or below and any agreements reached between parties would require the ratification of the Sheriff, the County Commissioners, and the exclusive representatives of the officers.

It's a direct piece of legislation that would provide Calvert County law enforcement officers with the same labor protections provided to a myriad of other law enforcement agencies throughout Maryland.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 767.